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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) [X] Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2004.
2a) [] This action is FINAL. 2b) [X] This action is non-final.
3) [] Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) [X] Claim(s) 1-55 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ___ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) [] Claim(s) ___ is/are allowed.
6) [] Claim(s) ___ is/are rejected.
7) [] Claim(s) ___ is/are objected to.
8) [X] Claim(s) 1-55 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) [] The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) [X] The drawing(s) filed on 30 March 2004 is/are: a) [X] accepted or b) [] objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) [] The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) [] Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) [] All b) [] Some * c) [] None of:
1. [] Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. [] Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. [] Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) [] Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) [] Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) [] Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) [] Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) [] Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) [] Other: _____.

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1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-15, 22-40, 47 and 55-59, drawn to a particular structure of a voltage boosting circuit and a method therefor including first and second circuits, classified in class 363, subclass 59.
 - II. Claim 16-21, 41-46 and 48-54, drawn to a particular structure of a voltage boosting circuit and a method therefor including a pre-charging circuit, a boosting circuit, a tracking circuit, and a feedback circuit, classified in class 323, subclass 268.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the voltage boosting circuit in Group I, claims 1-15, 22-40, 47 and 55-59, does not necessary to contain particular elements as recited in the voltage boosting circuit of Group II, claims 16-21, 41-46 and 48-54. The subcombination has separate utility such as the voltage boosting circuit in Group II can be used without the presence of specific electronic connections between the first and second circuits in the voltage boosting circuit as recited in claims that belong in Group I.

3. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Matthew V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2081.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800.

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